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Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council Schedules Meeting

The Bureau of Land Management's Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet July 20, 2005, in Sheridan, Wyoming. The meeting will be held at the Wyoming Game and Fish Department office at 700 Valley View Drive. The meeting will begin 8 a.m., and the public is welcome. The group is meeting in Sheridan because it will be looking at coal bed natural gas development north of Sheridan prior to the meeting.

Primary topics of discussion are Billings and Miles City Field Office updates and the Miles City Resource Management Plan.

The council will hear comments from the public at 11:30 a.m. Interested parties may make oral statements before the council or file written statements for the council to consider. Depending on the number of people wishing to make comments, a per-person time limit may be established.

The purpose of the council is to advise the Secretary of the Interior, though the BLM, on a variety of issues associated with public land management. The 15-member council includes individuals who have expertise or education in the planning and management of public lands and resources.

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